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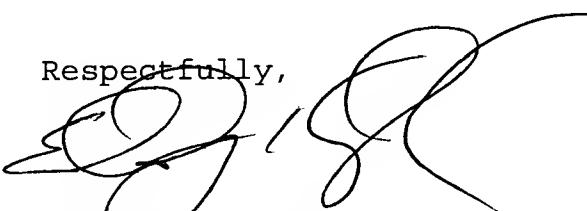
Sir:

We are sending herewith for filing the U.S. original utility application of Christopher D. Knight, Lyle M. Rode, Michael J. Vandenberg and Mercedes Vasquez-Anon for patent on PROCESS FOR OPTIMIZING MILK PRODUCTION.

Enclosed are:

- [x] Pages of Application - 29, with 12 Total Claims,
4 Independent Claims, and Abstract
- [x] 1 Photoprint of 12 sheet(s) of informal drawings
- [x] Transmittal Letter (in duplicate)

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